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MEMORANDUM FOR: DDI Rep/Office of Legislative Liaison

FROM: [REDACTED] ALA/MCD/CA/Honduras

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SUBJECT: Memorandum for the Record Regarding Briefing
of HPSCI Staff Members on 1 May 1984

1. [REDACTED] ALA Political Analyst on Honduras, briefed 25X1
HPSCI staffers DICK Giza and Mike O'Neill on events leading up to
the forced resignation of General Alvarez and its
repercussions. [REDACTED] was accompanied by [REDACTED] of the
Office of Legislative Liaison. 25X1

2. The staffers were concerned by the divergence in press 25X1
analysis of the Alvarez removal--which characterized it as a
military coup--and CIA analysis which, in their view, attributed
the ouster to civilian forces. They specifically mentioned the
NID Special Analysis on Honduras which appeared on 24 April
1984. A second topic of interest was the quality of reporting on
Honduras, specifically in reference to Embassy coverage. The
briefing concluded with questions on the state of democracy in
Honduras and prospects for further development of the democratic
system.

3. On the first point, [REDACTED] corrected the 25X1
misperception that CIA believed that civilians were wholly
responsible for the action against Alvarez and reviewed the
evidence to date which indicates civilian-military collusion in
removing the General. Additional analysis was provided on the
reaction within the military and probable effects on relations
with the US. [REDACTED] characterized reporting from all US
agencies in Honduras as inadequate in coverage of internal
politics and the civilian-military relationship. Finally, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] explained that the development of democracy in Honduras
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would take time. The system is fragile, subject to continued scrutiny by the military, and dependent on the maturation of political institutions, such as the legislature and parties, into representative bodies.

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